1	2		3	4	5
8.	Gujarat	1631		196	1342
9.	Haryana	698		77	621
10.	Himachal Pradesh .	854			353
11.	Jammu and kashmir	648			496
12.	Karnataka	1996		30	1625
13.	Kerala	940			432
14.	Madhya Pradesh		2946		2369
15.	Maharashtra	2918		21	2578
16.	Manipur	431			122
17.	Meghalaya	472			272
18.	Mizoram	551			5
19.	Nagaland	113			113
20.	Orissa	1649		3	1244
21.	Pondicheery	23			23
22	Punjanb	892		131	745
23.	Rajasthan	2931		19	1975
24-	Sikkim	62			7
25.	Tamil Nadu	1896		34	1795
26.	Tripura	200			29
27.	Uttar Pradesh	2733		30	2598
28.	West Bengal	1638		7	1369
	TOTAL :		34608	671	26330

Appointment of compassionate grounds

*317. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:
SHRI RAJNAXH SINGH 'SURYA':

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases for appointment on compassionate igroundis in Western Command considered in March, 19917, and if rejected, the reasons there-
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(b) the number of cases rejected but later reconsidered and appointment given in this category and the reasons therefor;

(c) the directions issues by the Army Headquarters for appointment on compassionate grounds in regard to civilian employees; and

(d) how is the priority decided in such cases?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Numbers of cases for appoinlinent on compassionate grounds considered and rejected in Western Command during March, 1997 are as follows:—

Service	No. of cases considered	No.of cases rejected
(i) Western Command Army (Including Inter Services Organisations)	21	17
(ii) Western Naval Command	5	Nil
(iii) Western Air Command	11	Nil

(b) Thft various Service HQrs/Intcr Services Organisation under the conirol of this Ministry and their subordinate oiBces consider these caSes at their level at periodical intervals. No centralised tally of these in kept in the Ministry. However, these agencies havg not recon sidered rejected caSes and have not offer ed them appointment during March, 1997.

(c) and (d) Action, as per the guide lines issued by DOP&T from time to time, is taken in such cases and appoint ments are made upto a maximum of 5% of vacancies falling under direct recruit ment quota in any Group 'C or 'D' post. While considering the applications for compassionate appointments, the bene fits received by the family unedr CGE1S, Gratuity, encashment of leave, Family Pension etc. are considered. While work ing the priority list, due regard is also given to the number of dependents the assets and liabilities left by the deceasjd Government servant and the present in come of the earning members.

Telephone connections *on* demand

*318. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Non OYT General category telephone connections are available on demand in some cities of the country;

(b) if so, the names of such cities, State and Union Terrotory-wise;

(c) whether Government piropose to provide Non-OYT General category tele-phone connections on demand in more cities during the second half of 1997 an also in 1998;

(d) if so, the names of snch cities, year-wise. State and Union Territory-wise; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICA-TIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) to (e) No, Sir. At present Non-OYT General category telephone connections are available on demand only in some exchange areas of certain cities.

During the current financial year a target of 29 lakhs new telephone connections has been set. With this the waiting list as on 31st March, 1997 is likely to be cleared in some of the cities of the. country.

Telephone on demand is likely to be available by the end of Ninth Five Year Plan in the country with private sector supplementing the efforts of DOT.

Violnce by extremists

*319. SHRI RAJUBHAI MAR:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleaSed to state:

(a) whether extremist violence con-tinues to be a big threat to the country.